industry standards and HUD guidelines. The management standards must be included or referenced in the Restructuring Plan.

- (b) *HUD guidelines*. At a minimum, the PAE's management standards must require the project management to:
- (1) Protect the physical integrity of the property over the long term through preventative maintenance, repair, or replacement;
- (2) Ensure that the building and grounds are routinely cleaned;
- (3) Maintain good relations with the tenants;
- (4) Protect the financial integrity of the project by operating the property with competitive and reasonable costs and maintaining appropriate property and liability insurance at all times;
- (5) Take all necessary measures to ensure the tenants' physical safety; and
- (6) Comply with other provisions that are required by HUD, including termination of the management agent for cause.
- (c) Conflicts of interest. The PAE management standards must also conform to any guidelines established by HUD, and industry standards, governing conflicts of interest between owners, managers, and contractors.

## Subpart E—Section 8 Requirements for Restructured Projects

# § 401.595 Contract and regulatory provisions

The provisions of chapter VIII of this title will apply to renewal of a section 8 project-based assistance contract under this part only to the extent, if any, provided in the contract. Part 983 of this title will not apply. The term of the contract renewals under this part will be determined by the appropriate HUD official.

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#### § 401.600 Will a section 8 contract be extended if it would expire while an owner's request for a Restructuring Plan is pending?

(a) If a section 8 contract for an eligible project would expire before a Restructuring Plan is implemented, the

contract may be extended at rents not exceeding current rents:

- (1) For up to the earlier of one year or closing on the Restructuring Plan under § 401.407; or
- (2) For such period of time beyond one year as HUD may approve, up to the closing of the Restructuring Plan.
- (b) Any extension of the contract beyond one year for a pending Restructuring Plan, other than an extension approved under this section, must be at comparable market rents or exception rents. An extension at comparable market rents will not affect a project's eligibility for the Mark-to-Market program once it has been established under this part.
- (c) HUD may terminate the contract earlier if the PAE or HUD determines that an owner is not cooperative under § 401.402 or if the owner's request is rejected under § 401.403 or § 401.405.

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## § 401.601 [Reserved]

# §401.602 Tenant protections if an expiring contract is not renewed.

- (a) Required notices. (1)(i) The owner of an eligible project who has requested a Restructuring Plan and contract renewal must provide a 12-month notice as provided in section 514(d) if MAHRA, if the owner later decides not to renew an expiring contract (except due to a rejection under §§ 401.101, 401.403, 401.405, or 401.451.) If the owner gives such 12-month notice, the owner is not required to give a separate notice under section 8(c)(8) of the United States Housing Act of 1937.
- (ii) An owner who gives the 12-month notice required by paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section and who determines not to renew a contract must give additional notice not less than 120 days before the contract expiration.
- (2) The owner of an eligible project who has requested a Restructuring Plan but who has been rejected under §§ 401.101, 401.403, 401.405, or 401.451 must provide 12 months advance notice under section 8(c)(8)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, unless project-based assistance is renewed under § 402.4 of this chapter.
- (3) Notices required by this paragraph must be provided to tenants and